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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4 and 6-8 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicant

cancels claim 5 and amends claims 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 5-7 would be allowable if

rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any

intervening claims.

Claims 1-4 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Tanaka (U.S. 4,319,275).

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include all of the features from allowable dependent

claim 5, canceled claim 5, and amended claims 4, 6, and 7 to depend upon claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Claims 1-4 and 8 under

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanaka is moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that

claim 1 is allowable. Claims 2-4 and 6-8 depend upon claim 1, and are therefore allowable for

at least the reasons that claim 1 is allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that

this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance

are solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with

the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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